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Negro Welfare League  
of  
New Jersey.

February 26, 1917.

Present:- Rev. W. J. Jones, Roselle, Rev. T. R. Redd, Rev. R. D. Brown, Mr. Burrell, Rev. H. K. Spearman, Rev. M. E. Eggleston, Rev. Mr. Smith, Mr. Holman, Mrs. Frazier, Mrs. Gregory and friend, Mr. Stubblebine, Mr. J. E. Sadler, Mr. Brown, Rev. P. M. Beverley, Mrs. Baxter, Mr. Stewart, Rev. D. E. Robinson, Mrs. Wright, Mrs. E. Wilson, Rev. W. T. Watkins.

A meeting of the Mass Meeting Committee was held at the Board of Trade on the above date. Rev. A. N. Stubblebine chairman, presiding.

As there was some dissatisfaction expressed by Rev. B. M. Beverley over the calling off of a meeting which had been previously set for Monday, 19th Rev. A. N. Stubblebine explained his action in regard to calling off this meeting, as a necessary one in order to arrange the calling of meetings by standing committees on a business basis.

As several ladies and gentlemen were present who had not received any invitation to this meeting Mr. C. M. Brown moved that all present be given an equal right at the meeting. This was duly seconded and approved.

The chairman then explained that the meeting was called entirely to discuss the holding of a mass meeting in the interest of the League as soon as possible and refused to consider complaints on other matters asking that such be referred to the Executive Committee. He then called for suggestions as to possible speakers for the mass meeting. Rev. W. J. Jones proposed the name of Rev. Bishop Johnson as a possible speaker. Rev. E. E. Eggleston proposed the name of Dr. Credit of Philadelphia. Mr. Stewart proposed the name of Miss Annie Burrows. Rev. D. E. Robinson also suggested the Rev. Mr. Smith of Jersey City, but Dr. Smith asked to have his name withdrawn as he expected to be away at the time.

After some discussion as to the need of harmony in regard to the meeting and as to whether the nominations were closed a unanimous vote was given for Dr. Credit as first speaker and Miss Annie Burrows as alternate. Mrs. Baxter and Mr. Holman suggested that local people be given a chance to

speak at the meeting. Mr. Holman especially suggested the name of Rev. J. E. Churchman.

Mr. Sadlar of the New Jersey Observer suggested that a series of small meetings should be given so that the colored people would understand exactly what the League is doing and how the work is progressing. He thought it would be a good plan to have these meetings work up to the Mass Meeting. Mr. Jones proposed putting the meeting off long enough so that Governor Edge could be present as the Governor said to the chairman he could not be present at a meeting until after the Legislature adjourned.

After some discussion it was moved by Mr. Sadlar and duly seconded and approved that the Mass Meeting be held on April 16, 1917. The chairman reported that he ~~had~~ <sup>had</sup> ~~provided~~ for the First Presbyterian Church as the place to hold the meeting.

It was moved, seconded and duly carried that a Committee of five be appointed to attend to the minor details of the meeting. ~~Mr.~~ Mr. Jones, Mr. Sadlar, Rev. R. D. Brown, Rev. E. E. Eggleston, Mr. R. W. Stewart, comprise this Committee.

There being no other business before the meeting it adjourned to meet at the call of the chairman.

Helen B. Rudolph  
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